



TANF Emergency Funds

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- Federal ARRA Authorization for Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Fund - Virginia allocated additional \$79 million
- States allowed to amend their TANF plans to match on a 1:4 basis for access to federal funds for provision of emergency services (every \$1 leverages \$4 in federal TANF emergency funds)
- Local governments or other third parties were authorized to partner with states to serve as the “new” money as “match” for the funding



Fairfax County Plan

- The Commonwealth of Virginia invited localities and other interested parties to participate as third party providers in December 2009.
- Fairfax County submitted a proposal to the state on January 22, 2010
- The State submitted plans in early February to HHS
- Federal review continued from February through this June
- State staff completed responses in first week June and received verbal approval from federal reviewers



Fairfax County Plan

- \$1 million in NEW County funding will leverage federal pass-through funding
- Funds will provide emergency services and employment supports for families with minor children whose household income levels are at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines
- The County plan includes two activities:
 - Basic needs/emergency supports
 - Employment services



Basic Needs

- The program began distributing funds for non-recurring emergency items on April 21, 2010 (from \$1 million in local funding)
- Referrals to TANF-EF come from the County's Coordinated Services Planning staff and participating nonprofits serving walk-in clients
 - Coordination of all services provided is occurring to assure program compliance and service limitations on participation
- Twenty three nonprofit partners are providing supportive services to eligible households for Emergency Assistance
 - Crisis exists
 - Emergency basic needs support for up to four months for
 - . Rent
 - . Utilities
 - . Food



Basic Needs

- Through May, 239 families served:
 - 55% under 100% of the poverty level for their family size
 - 45% between 100% and 200% poverty levels
 - Emergency funds are reaching families not normally eligible for Virginia's TANF program
 - Nearly 80% are in need of only one of three eligible activities

Average Assistance (May 2010 data)	
Rent	\$1,777
Rent Deposits	\$1,334
Utilities	\$548



Basic Needs

- Examples of support provided to families:
 - *Provide emergency food*
 - *Address financial crises resulting from unemployment*
 - *Assist extended family members in caring for children*
 - *Serve custodial parents losing child support due to loss of employment by non-custodial parent*
 - *Pay moving expenses and housing deposits for a parent with a new job to move family*
 - *Prevent evictions and utility cut-offs*



Employment Services

- Thirteen providers will participate in various efforts to assist eligible adults and youth through employment services
 - Job placements for up to a four month period
 - Wages paid to placed individuals reimbursed by TANF-EF funds to employer
 - Summer youth employment placements and programs
 - One time supports to gain or retain employment – transportation supports, training/education fees, licenses, uniform expenses, etc.



County Departments

Coordination of services with County departments to address needs

- Department of Family Services (County's social services agency)
- Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
- Department of Neighborhood and Community Services
- Department of Administration for Human Services
- Department of Housing and Community Development
- Office to Prevent and End Homelessness



Target Population Examples

- Families needing emergency assistance
- Families in which the parent or a teen needs assistance to access employment
- Families whose circumstances include...
 - Victims of domestic violence
 - Those at risk of homelessness or recently homeless
 - Persons with treatment needs



Target Population Incomes

200% FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES as of 3/2010	
Annual Income Limit	
Household Size:	Maximum:
1	\$21,660.00
2	\$29,140.00
3	\$36,620.00
4	\$44,100.00
5	\$51,580.00
6	\$59,060.00
7	\$66,540.00
8	\$74,020.00
9	\$81,500.00

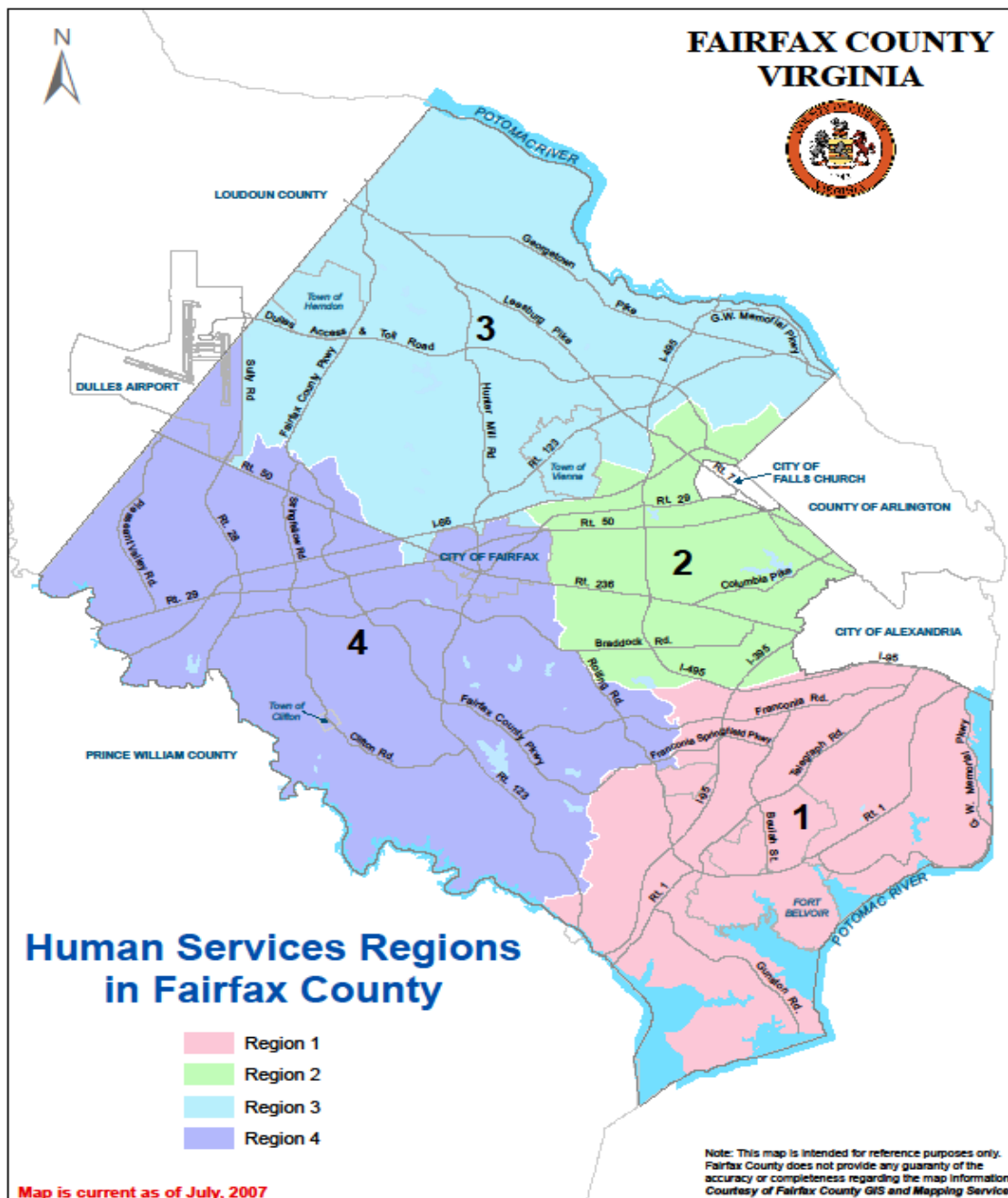
Basic Needs TANF-EF Providers

ORGANIZATION	Food	Utilities	Rent	Primary County Region served
ACCA	x	x	x	East/Central
Consumer Wellness Center	x			East/Central
ECHO		x	x	South/Central/West
Fairfax FISH		x	x	East/Central
FACETS		x	x	County-wide
Falls Church Comm. Services Council		x	x	East/Central
Family Preservation	x	x	x	North
Food For Others	x			County-wide
Good Shepherd		x	x	South
Housing & Community Svcs of NV		x	x	South
Herndon-Reston FISH		x	x	North
James Mott Community Action	x	x	x	Central/West
Lorton Community Action	x	x	x	South
New Hope Housing		x	x	South
NOVACO	x	x	x	County-wide
OUR DAILY BREAD	x	x	x	County-wide
Pathway Homes	x		x	County-wide
PRS			x	South and North
RESTON INTERFAITH		x	x	North
Reston Drop In Center	x			North
Shelter House	x	x	x	East/Central/North
United Community Ministries	x	x	x	South and North
Western Fairfax Christian Ministries		x	x	Central/West

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Fairfax County Employment Assistance and Placement Providers

ORGANIZATION	Target Population
Alternative House	Youth/Young adults
FACETS	Adults
Family Preservation	Adults
Laurie Mitchell Employment Services	Adults/special needs
New Hope Housing	Homeless
Northern Virginia Family Service	Adults
NOVACO	Victims of domestic violence
Pathway Homes	Adults/special needs
PRS Inc.	Adults/special needs
Reston Interfaith	Adults and Youth/Young Adults
Shelter House	Adults /Homeless
SkillSource Group (partnering with County Department of Family Services)	Adults and Youth
United Community Ministries	Adults and Youth





Congressional Action Update

- Extension of TANF-EF proposed in H.R. 4213 – American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act
 - Extension of TANF Emergency Fund through September 2011
 - Funding for summer jobs for youth
 - Extension of enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) – 6 month extension in Senate proposal
 - Proposals to extend unemployment insurance benefits
- May provide the State an opportunity to extend program with third party match providers beyond timeframe of current plan – current program ends September 30, 2010